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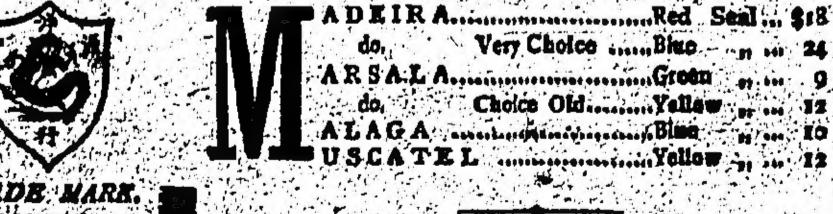
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to be held on the spot, on WEDNESDAY. the 29th day of December, 1897, at 3 P.M., are

published for general information. By Command, J. H. STEWART LOCKHART, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 11th December, 1897.

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Advertisements and Subscriptions which are not ordered for a

fixed period will be continued until countermanded The Pongkong Weieganph

HONGKONS, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1897

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The news from the north is not more puzzling than usual in such unsettled times. Of course, each event that occurs is variously described by different tale-bearers, and the way to arrive at an approximately accurate understanding of the situation is to collate all the conflicting stories, boil to carry over two miles, and when nobody them down to a general average, discount liberally and a bit more, and not be too sure of anything. In all wars or times of warlike threatening, there are inevitably many distorted versions of what goes on, and it is not necessary to think much the worse of human veracity on that account, for much of it is excusable.

So, as we said yesterday, we dare not disbelieve too much. It was surprising to be told that Russia had seized Port Arthur and that Britain had replied by seizing Tallenwan. If our telegram had been accepted literally, it would, have meant that the British fleet was now doing what it, did in 1884, when the Agameunon shadowed the Vladimir Monomach so persistently that the Russian at last lost patience and ran out his guns, whereupon the British drums beat to quarters, and the world was within a hair's-breadth of agreat war. A seizure of Tallenwan at the moment when the Russians were cajoling China into the "temporary" cession of Port Arthur, would have been as smart and as crushing a demonstration of British activity, as was the entry of the British fleet into Vladivostock harbour at night under cover of a fog, when a declaration of war was expected any day, and the town and forts in the morning found themselves at our mercy...

. But it is just this part of the current rumours that we consider it necessary to discount. We will not go so far asto call Tallen. any of the telegrams to this paper or elsewhere, "probably incorrect in every particular;" but we will say, knowing how stories do spread, that probabaly "seize" was too strong a word probably nothing more was done than to anchor a fleet in the place and await events. To seize Port Arthur or Tallen would mean holsting the flag on the land forts; we doubt if any flag except the Chinese files there. But we do not doubt that the Russians are at Port Arthur, with China's consent, and our telegram published yesterday morning has been confirmed by telegrams to our contemporaries and to mercantile offices here. That part of the story may therefore be considered accurate.

That is as far as we can get with any degree of certainty." The British fleet is in the north, but one story says at Port Hamilton, another says Tallenwan, another says cooperating with the Japanese, and another says the Russians are at Talienwan. It may be that they are all correct it is fairly certain that some of the British ships are at Port Hamilton, probably making it a base for the time; it is possible also that a part of the fleet is at Talien, together with Japanese, and the Russians also may have some vessels at Talien, which is only thirty or forty miles from Port Arthur. It is fairly safe to say the British flag has not been and will not be helsted over Tallen forts; but it is possible that British ships are in the harbour in force.

That is as much as we can say of the position in northern waters. In diplomatic circles there is no indication of trouble THE buying rate for sovereigns is \$10.18 per £. impending. The Powers had a severe test of their capacity for harmonising i the Greco-Turkish troubles at the beginonce it should be ordered to be decanted at | ning of this year, and learnt their lesson well. They are no longer going to let | instant. any weak Power play them off one against another and befool all alike. They are drawing into line round China, and every appeal made by China to any Power CLARBT .- Our Clarets, including the lowest is only turned into a pretext for further priced, are guranteed to be the genuine spoliation. But the Powers will not product of the juice of the grape and are seriously disagree; the demonstration o not artificially made from raising and force is only meant to secure a fair share

The question is-what will Britain do i presumably. The reply that comes readlest to mind is -Nothing. A latter fairs policy is bad enough, but experience teaches us to expect a rien fairs policy nowadays. Perhaps Admiral Buller has, as one story goes, taken up a strong position somewhere-Talien Wan, or Port Hamilton, or both; perhaps Sir C. Macdonald has, as another story goes, made strong representations. But the Home Government has a discouraging habit of not supporting its representatives. We have by Members) are cordially invited. no desire to prevent Russia from taking Manchuria and North-west China, and would not greatly hurt us if she should insist on having Korea; the Germans are heartly welcome to Shantung; the French no doubt can take more Chinese terri- to death having been caused by suphysis. The tory under their benign and prosperous rule without risk of war with I resulted from injuries received from the collapse trade of the party wall dividing Nos, 92 and 94 Holly-Great Britain. But we want our [6 routes to be kept untouched;

Yangtse and the West River, with the roeds into Burmah, must be either British outright or guaranteed against all the exclusive and illiberal Powers, for we will not have French or Russian or German or | bard labour on Saturday for annexing a \$50 bill any other prohibitive tariffs introduced into a rich market mostly of our own making. That is all we ask—nothing but that our markets be left open to the world, under whatever flag.

To secure these claims it is certainly necessary that Great Britain "should acquire Chusan and should here a mile or two more breathing-room at Hongkong. We are ridiculously cramped here. Hongkong Navy League, or its Committee should hold a meeting on these questions, and formulate specific requests, to be urged on the Imperial Government by every possible means, as the demands of people who are on the spot and understand the situation. H.E. the Governor can officially report, in all truth and seriousness, that modern long-range guns could easily plump shot and shell Government House from several points beyond our borders-and not very remarkably long range at that. Hongkong was all right and strong enough in the days when guns could not be relied on had a fleet in the east except the British; but now Russia, Japan and Germany are daily strengthening their fleets in Fastern waters; and Hongkong could be damaged and even completely rulned from the land, unless we extend our lines of defence to a safe' distance from our vital parts. The torpedo station, docks, the coal stores, the magazinesthese are things on which the fleet depends; and the frontier is too near to them. We are not advocating land-grabbing; we do not favour further territorial expansion, for it pays us better to le others do the governing of a country i we do the trade. But we do need our vitals to be out of gunshot range from the frontier, if Hongkong is to remain the 'Malta and Gibraltar of the East."

TELEGRAMS. DIFFERENT VERSION.

RUSSO-CHINESE COALITION. · (From Our Own Correspondent)

SHANGHAL December 22nd. . The Mercury received a wire from Tlentsin last night stating that three Russlan warships had entered Port Arthur at the request of China (in case of further trouble with Germany, it is to be presumed). It

The Germans intend to remain in Kiaochow. permanent possession of The Chinese intend to dispute it. Stirring

is also reported that Russian ships are at

times are expected. [It seems more natural that Russia when occupying Fort Arthur would also take Talien than feate it to the British, as at first reported. Ed. H.K.T

IT MAY BE TRUE OR IT MAY NOT SHANGHAI, December 22nd, 5.15 p.m. The Mercury reports that Russla has taken charge of the Custom house.

throughout Korea.

REUTER'S MESSAGES.

che "times" on Russia and Grea BRITAIN IN CHIVA.

LINDON, December 20th. The Times, discussing the accupation of Post Arthur by a Russian Squadron, says that Great Britsia cannot remain indifferent to these poli tical changes, which by their effect upon th Peking Government Ind! the 'redistribution a Naval Power may seriously affect our commer cial supremacy. The Times re-affirms the advantages of annexing Chusan and some it the smaller islands, where a self-supporting station could be easily established. It believes that Japan is likely to domand the retention of Wel-hal-wel.

OBITUARY.

Sir Frank Lockwood, Q.C., member for York

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE thisteenth ordinary general meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong High-level Tramway Company will beheld at noon on the 31st

TO-MORROW afternoon on the Happy Valley the Hongkong Football Clob will play the West Yorkshire Regiment under Rugby sules. Kick off at 4.15 p.m.

WE learn from our morning contemporary that the Grafton was to leave Singapore last night and the Powerful to leave Colombo yesterday both to join Admiral Buller in northern waters An extraordinary general meeting of the Hong-

kong Football Club will be held at the Victoria Recreation Club (by permission) on Tosiday, Decembes 28, at 5 pm. Business -To adopt some Club rules. An exhibition, of the Projectorcope will begiven by Professor Mercevich at nine o'clock te-pig it

in the rooms of the Institution of Engineers and

Shipbuilders of Hongkong. Visitors (introduced An enquiry was held at the Magistricy to-day on the death of a woman who was buried in the debrie of the collapse of bouses in Hollywood Road on the 14th inst. Dr. Thomson deposed Coroner (Mr. H.E. Wodehouse) found that death

MR. J. Hanlogs, on behalf of the Oplum Farmer, A SERMAN named Charles of alton was charged appiled to the Police Magistrate to-day for a rehearing in the case of an excise officer who was sentenced to six months' imprisonment with from a Chlosse merchant in No. 78 Praya Central, while searching the premiser. The application was granted and the rehearing was fixed for te-morrow morning at II.

THE Burd Street murder case was resumed at Supreme Court to-day. The cross-examination of the accountant, who gave evidence yesterday, took the greater part of the morring and then. the master of the shop was called. He gave an account of the robbery and the subsequent eccurrences. His evidence at the Police Court was fully reported in these columns at the time. The case was adjourned till to-morrow morning THE North German Fire Insurance Company of Hamburg (Hongkong agents Messrs. Siemssen & Co.,) have issued for those a pretty little calendar giving a picture of their head office and a view on the Rhine, or perhaps it is some

other place, anyhow it is a nest and artistic

picture. It would not burt the business of the

Company to print the Hongkong address on the

calendar; we look for it in vain." We are accus-

tomed to expect such little carelessness only of

British films, THE German warship Kaiserin Augusta, from Europe, strived in Hongkong this moining, or the way to Klaochow. She is a first-class unarmoured traiser, five years old, built of steel, with 3-inch protective deck. Her tonning is 6,052, leagth 393 feat, beam 49 ft. 3 in., draught 23 ft.; indicated horse-power 12,000, three propellers, speed so knots (22 ontrair). She carries twelve six-inch guns, eight quick-firers of 87 mm. (about 4-inch) and five torpedo tuber. She can steam 10,000 knots without recoaling.

H.E. the Governor delivered a lecture this afternoon, to the "Odd Volumes" and their inends at Government House, on Milton and Handel, under the title "Two short sketches of two great men." Owing to the length of the address and the late hour, we are compelled to hold over the fall report until to-morrow, when we can promise our seaders a most interesting study of these two lamous men. The most estplog critic | Rennedy Road was to-day brought before the cannot deny this Sir William Robinson is entertaining and instructive when he deals with such stabjects,

THERE were "ructions" in a house of ill-fame last night when a number of celestial rowdles made things hum by smashing tables, chairs, and everything they could lay hands on. The Police anived in the thick of the confesion and succeeded in maintaining order by taking nine of the men into custody and marching them to the Station. The prisoners attended the Magisterial levee this morning and had to put up with a fines of fire and \$25, the variation of the penalty being arranged according to their puticipation in the teamble.

MESSRY, A. S. Watson & Co.'s extender for 1898 is a classical work of art, representing Sappho serenading a statue of Hygela-an admirably appropriate emblem of the well-known and reliable dispensary. The firm also presents to its | kind and the Magistrate is flired a fine of \$100. patrons hardy little pocket cylendars, fitted with a scent sichet, just' the sort to keep in a handkerchief-box. Besides the perfume, it contains a large amount of use ul information - Hongkong postal guide, Peak tramway fime-table, faces for chairs, finikehas and sampans, and full details of the many excellent wines, spirits and other things to be obtained at, the Hongkong Dis

pensary. AT _I.IS p.m. to-day a fire broke out in ithe kitchen of the Indian constables at the Naval Yard. The fire was blesing very fiercely at times The constables at the Yard under Inspector Mc-Ewen immediately took to the hoses and after working hard succeeded in extinguishing the the flames about so minutes after the outbreak This, needless to say, reflects much credit to Inspector McEwen and his men for if they did not act promptly much damage would have resulted. The kitchen was completely gut'ed and by the Government. Yesterday when the tests the whole of the Police quariers at the Nava Yard were damaged with water. The fire is supposed to have commenced on the bed of ac-Indian who sleeps in the kitchen, but no theory can be advanced as to the origin of the outbreak as the kitchen was locked at the time and robody had been in for an hour before the fire. The Fire Brigade also furned out but their agristance was not required as the fiames ba already been controlled when they arrived at the Yard. Commodore Holland left the Victor, about seven servants sleeping in the same tent. Emanuel after he had heard of a fire and he was at the Yard 20 minutes after It had begun, but then the flumes had been extinguished.

MESSES, Benjamir, Kelly & Potts, in their Washly Share Report, deted Hongkong, Tuesday, aut December, say :-Business bas been fairly brisk, and a shap advance in China Sugar, has to be recorded. The Hongkong High Level Tramways Co., Limited, has advertised its yearly meeting for the 31st inst. Hong- the name of the house in which Host Osborne and have been placed at 174 and 176 per cent available seathed the best liquors and kong and Shanghal Banks have suled very firm premium, closing steady." National, founders that bring his specialities within the reach of all are enquired for at \$23. China Sugars have and sundry. Bay View is also the district in improved their position considerably and sales have been effected at alvancing ratesup to \$161. Por March business has been done at rates be- to be aton discharging patroleum into the huge tween \$165 and \$169. Lusons ale quiet and are obtainable at \$10. Penjoms have been negotiated at \$5.30 and \$5.40 cum \$1 call, and the Preference can be placed at \$1.20. Charbonnages are firm with buyers at \$105. New Balmoral Preference have been done at \$1.50 Raubs have hardened and sales have been made at rates between \$20 and \$21. Olivers A have been sold in small lots at \$19 and the B shares have been fixed at \$7 closing with buyers at \$7.25. Grest Easterns bave changed bands at \$3. Kowloon Wharf shares have been done at \$18. Wanchals have changed hands at \$40} and \$41. Hongkong and Whampes Docks have been fired at 210 per cent, premium International Cotton Mills can be placed at Tir, 107 but are not obtainable under Tie, IIO. Other stocks on the Peelers, withdraw them from it and shri under this heading remain quiet at quotations, the place up. By and by a far-seeing and enter;

at the Police-Court to-day or two counts; with descring from the Bililah ship . Drumelton on the tit last, and secondly, with being one of the pirty of the American ship St. Mark who wilfully remained in the Colony after her departure. Captain William Smith of the Drumston gave evidence that the defendant shipped with him for a voyage from Shanghal to New York and after working for a week, he deserted on the vessels arrival here. My Molr, superintendent of the Sallors! Home, said that Dalton came to him and said that he was a destitute, having worked his passage here from Shanghai by the Empress of Jopan and he gave his name as John Martin. Witness got him a berth on the St. Mark. Dalion admitted both offences and for the first he was ordered to be put back to his ship and for the second he was sentenced to one months' imprisonment.

MESIRS. MELCHERS & CO. as agents for the Royal Insurance Co., fire and life, have Issued the usual bright-hued colour almanac for 1898. together with a handy pecket distyfull of useful date, postal information, international money tables, eclipser, anniversaries, holidays, etc., and illustrated with handsome vignettes of the Company's buildings to all parts of the world. The Noral was established in 1845 and has steadily moved forward "ever since. Its total" funds now amount to over £6,900,000 Last year in the fire department the premiums after deduction of reinsurances amounted to over £1,000,000, and the net losses £1,112,000. In the life branch new proposals were accepted for £1,100,000 and the corresponding annual premiums on those completed were over £40,000. The claims paid during the year on death and matured policies plus bonusses amounted to £362,000 and the annuity depirtment is in an equally flourishing cordillon. The Company offers to pay 'its ellents large participation in profits and extended limits of reildence and facilities for the revival of lapsed policies and liberal treatment in every respect.

THE Sanitary Board authorities are taking every precaution to prevent dalrymen from supplying milk from injected cattle to their customers and as the result of their vigilance a cattle dealer in Magistrate charged with amuggling milk from his shed after it had been declared injected. Evidence was given that notice was served upon the occupants shed that they were prohibited from taking milk out of it and also that a similar notice was posted on the shed. The defendant denied ever having caused milk to be taken from his shed and thereupen a Chinese constable went into the box and stilled that on the morning of the 10th inst. he saw a man carrying three cans of milk from the defendants' shed and on the same afternoon he saw another man carrying milk from the shed. He followed him and saw him take it to an opium divan where milk was also sold. Inspector Cotton said that he kept special warch on this shed in the night and saw the people taking away milk by the roof, Mr. McCallum (Secretary of the Sanitary "card) asked for a substantial penalty with a view of stopping any future occurrence of the in difault of three months imprisonment.

WHEN a company of the West Yorks under Captalo Price went into camp at Stanley on the and inst. a private reported the loss of his four blackets and a water proof sheet. The bapgage was conveyed to camp by a jank and the mea marched over and on arriving at Stanley at 11.40 that forenoon the junk had already arrived and the baggage was stacked on the camping ground. After the tents were pitched exch man went for his baggage and it was in the alternoon that a man reported that his blankets and water proof sheet were missing. A scarch was then made through all the tents but without result. About ten days afternards Lt Irgon noticed a blanket outside the coolies' tent and he reported this to Cap!. Price but no attention was paid to it as it was then thought that it might be one of the condemned blankets which had been sold were being struck and the baggige was stacked outside Lt. Ingpen noticed a bundle with fate blankets and a water proof sheet in front of the coolies' tent. This was reported to Capt. Price and as the result of orquirles made Lt. Ingpen's coolle was arrested and brought up at the Police Court to-day. Capt. Price's boy gave evidence that prisoner had not taken any baggage into camp with him and that he used the blankets that were found outside the test. There were The Magistrate was not satisfied with the case and said that more evidence should be given that prisoner had the himbests in his possession, He remanded the case till to-morrow morning for this reason.

BAY VIEW.

Bay View is the modern name of a suburb of the city of Victoria (Hongkong) and it is also and Manager Williams hold levdes, entertain which the Rays! Datch Petroleum Company (Meyer & Co. Managers) has erected a whalf slongside which large tank steamers are often. terks constructed for the company by the local Dock Company, and it is, moreover, the part of this fair Lile of Fragrant Sreams in which Mossers. A. G. Gordon & Co. have erected large engineering workshops and a sectantial residence for the Manager. The enterprising contractor and builder, Chan A Tong, has also included Bay View in his "sphere of influence," as diplomats put it, and is building a long row of neat European two-story house? there. Bay View is daily growing in importante and if the Inspectors of Police who used to live at "Bay View" many years ago could return from the Great Beyond and see it now they would marvel greatly. In years gone by when Bay View Holel was known as Whitfield Police Station it was regarded as a veritable denth-trap. to fatal was it to the members of the Foorce stationed there, in fact, so unbealthy was Whisfield that the Government took pity

prising citizened the United States of Murrike, named Osborne, happened along and be guessed a small fortuse could be made there if he could get it off a long and cheap dease from the powers that be. He made a bid for it and is a twinkling secured the place, took out a license to sel sodawater and other things there, christened ! "Bay VI:w" and advertised extensively in the in Shanghal. A consignment of silver hers had Hongkong Telegraph. Six months leter Osbarne found himself boss of one of the most popular botels in the whole colony, the traffic to and from this wayside inn being considerable owing to the fact that it filled a long-felt want-it was a comfortable rubile house where you could get a "tef esher" after a walk or drive out on the Shaukiwan Road and that was just what acores of peop'e wanted, so they vushed to support it and to-day the opplarity of the place is greater than ever.

The Government is of course fully aware of the Importance of Bay View district, with its rapidly increasing which traffic and by no means insignificent European and Chinese population.] knows, too, that the traffic to and from the Taikoo Sugar Refinery at Quarry Bay, and to Hold sworth's Mica Works, past Bay View Hotel, is very considerable and yet it is a fact that after passing Kennedy's Stables at the western endo Causeway Bay there is not a single street lamp to be seen. All is pitch darkness of er you get Into Causeway Bay, and the road leading from the bay up to the hotel is positively dangerous at night, because of the bike fiends teasing slong there, often without lights, and sometimes forgetting to sing their bells before they fairly run on top of hapless pedestrians. Not only has the Government shown great carelessness In falling to light Centeway Bay, Bay View and North Point but it has not even made the road as good as it ought to be and we believe that in wet weather a tramp through the district would be long remembered by the Direct or of Public Works, It is to be hoped however, that he will not wait for wet weather to inspect and "take stock " of the district Verit is unquest'onably a portion of the Colony that has been too long neglected. It is neither lighted nor properly policed and, yet, as we have stated, the triffic on the road by day and by night is such as mould justify considerable expenditure to furnish the public with the saleguards which usually obtain in civilised

ROYAL ARTILLERY ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The officers and men of the Hongkong detachment of Royal Artillery are, to be complimented on the success of their Sports meeting held yesterday at Happy Valley. The weather was perfect for culdoor enjoyment and the attendance was very large. The ground presented g regular kelledorco le appearance, so much colour was there in the crowd, and the red coats of infantry and Englocers, the blue of the gunners and sidlors, and the many gay hues in the Indians' turbans, all went to form a most effective tout exsemble. The airingements were admirable, and such things as hitches and walts, which generally characterise amateur sports meetings, were completious by their absence. The competitors had ample accommodation in the way of dresting tents, and a spacious marquee was devoted to the ladies. The Hongkong Regiment's band played during alternoon and largely and to the pleasure of the gathering. The programme was an interesting one, the events being, well warried and in each the fields were large. The wheel rice was one that excited much interest among the gunners the whiels were off the carriages of g-pounders and were heavy inmbering things that if was no joke to trundic over 170 yerds. Of all the events the most interesting was the tug-of-war between Mahemmrdan and Sikh gunners' of the Hongkong Aitlilery. The ream from No. 2 company was directed by Captain Burne and they pulled Cepteln Gerdon's team (f om No. 3 Company) On each or carlos the Istier were the victors but the long and stubborn contests - howed that there w s it is to choose between either side. For many mir ares the great stalwait heaved and heaved in respons to their officers' c'ies, and their long hair hanging down about their f ces gave them quite a weited appearance. Time after time men on either side slipped on the dry grain, and now one side and now the other gained a foot or two of vantage. His Excellency the Governor was an interested spectator, and amongst others present were Col, The O'Gorman, Capt, Phillips, A.D.C., and many other officers. When Capt. Gordon's men made the winning pull their comrades shouted enthusiastically, some tossing their turbant in the air and others, seizing the competitors went in for administering a rough-and-leady sort of massage to their legs and arms. The gun lascars have always had a big reputation in tugz-of-war and it is probable that, few teams of Europeans could have stood the strain so long as reese swarthy fellows did yesterday, C Q. M S. Hesse, Q M, S Severn, Gr. Ennis and the other membersplibe subcommittee worked indefaligably throughout, and with the other officers of the day largely helped to make the meeting so great a success.

YACHT RACE.

On Saturday afternoon a very sporting event was arranged between the owners of seven of the boats of the Yacht Club, by Capt, Phillips the popular A.D.C. to H.E. the Governor, he also presenting a valuable prize for the competition in which the boats were steered by members nominated by the denor of the prize.

Active, Mr. H. E. Pollock, steered, Mr. Tomes, Meteor, Mr. C. H. Kew, steered, Mr. Bourneman, Maid Martan, Mr. Hestings, steered, Mr. Pollock. Phoebs, Mr. May, steered, Mr. Hastings. Erica, Mr. Denison, steered, Mr. May. Syott, Offices R.E., steered, Mr. Kew.

Chanticleer, Mr. Tomes, steered, Mr. Rogers. the Active and Meteor received 21 minutes and the Sybil 6 minutes time allowance the course was from the Police Pier Kowloon round Meyers west buoy, Kowloon Rock, Meyers east buoy Channel Rocks and back to the Police Plex Hayti and Britain, the Montoe deciring would about 9 miles. The boats very sent off at certainly have been paraded in all its glory, and 2 p.m. with a light but steesdy wast wind, all the bullying would have been done by the which lasted all through the rice Brica United States. Lord Salisbury would have most able steaced by the commodore mackly agreed to a surrender, graceful and (more power to his elbow) at once went to the point, getting round the first mark about to yards sheed, all the rest going found in a bunch, a reach took them to Kowleon Rock where a similar tounding took place, Erica still in the van. A reach back to Meyers cast buoy in the same order and a run down wind brought the boats to Channel Rocks when the times were Brica 3. 21. 0. Phoids 3. 24. 50 Meteor 3. 25. 30. Charileleer 3. 27 10 Maid Martan 3. 27. 30, Sybil and Active 3. 28, 30, was a pretty sight to see the boats all round- the medium of your valuable paper, the attention ing the rock within a few seconds of of the proper authorities to the deplorable state e each other this alone no doubt repaying Capt. of Morque Street. Philiple for his trouble and auxiety in arranging the match. Up to this point considering the time allowances, it appeared any bosts race, but now a change came o'er the spirit of the dream, Brica, putting in very tall sailing indeed, went sway from the fleet in fine style, dolog the miles dead to windward in less than 50 minutes, beating the Phabe by 4 minutes in the beat up. Erfea, wioffer, 4. 10. 22. Phabe third 4 17.58. Meteor, second in time, 4. 20. 3. Chantteler, 4. 23. 30. Active, 4-24. 31. Maid Marian 4. 28.20, 67011, 4-34-1.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT IN SHANGHAI.

The O and O steamer Copies, which strived here on Monday, has not had her usual good luck this time. Several small accident have occurred on the trip, and a very serious one to be unloaded there, to singots of about 100 lbs each. These were being hauled un from the reasure-want, and as they emerged were stocked on the part of the hatchway-cover that was no open. The beams supporting the cover are reasonably string, and frequently have heavy weights on them. As the builton was about fir ished coming up, the third officer, who was superintending, come to ask the freight clerk! there had no been twaten many have brought out-504, instead of 502. While they were standing beside the mass of silver recounting, suddenly the beam enapped, and down went the two men and all the metal, a clear drop of thirty or firty feet, into the hold. It is a miracle they were not both killed on the spot The bystanders looked down and bastened to the rescue, expeciling to pick out a pair o mangled corpres from among a heap of dibris; but in a minute or so they heard a faint voice with an Istah accent, "I say, old man, there's a beavy drop lo silver!" They picked out the Patiender and blessed him for a boy that can't he killed anyhow. He is the freight-clerk, Mr. Alec Morphy-bother of the Hongkong Telegraph's special war correspondent now on the Afghan frontler, 'He was found to be pretty nearly shaken to death with the shock, and his hip dislocated. Otherwise there was hardly scratch on him, and at first it was thought certain that he must have some severe internal injury, for it is not in the mature of things that a man should have such a fail for nothing. His companion was less fortunate; he had a broker thigh and other injuries of no light nature, an had to be put in bospi at at. Shanghal and lef there. Mr. Merphy, however, stays on board and is recovering with a rapidity that is simply wonderful. . The ship's doctor set to work trying to find out where the injuries were-no easy tisk with a patient severely stunned and feeling "klit all over entoirely." The dislocated thigh necessitated chieroform, and while the limb was being moved into position the limp foot got lise! dislocated too. Then, after a lot of bard work and extremely careful and delicate dectoring the various Morphy members were harmonised. and by the fruith day the patient was moving about without assistance. By the sixth he will probably be descing a jig, and it is difficult to tell which is the most remarkable, his good luck in getting off so easily after that fearful fall, his piwers of "bucking up" when he aught to be dead, or the skill of the doctor who has set him on his feet.

The concentrated weight of over forty tons, dropping that dhisnee, would have gone through the bottom of the ship and perhaps suck her but that several tiers of bags of flour in the hold

broke the fall. And then, to crown the misfortunes of the voyage, the petcat of the Coptic fell overboard

and got drowned, the day after the accidently GERMANY AND HAPTI

The Coptic, brought files of American dailles containing full particulars of the recent highhanded proceedings of the Germans at Hayti, brief particulars of which were wired out by Peuter at the time. The Frisco Chronicle takes exception to the action of our Terionic friends and in the conrie of a Breezy leader hold.

forth thusly :-The conduct of Germany in the Lueders care fethat of a tall bolle with a smell boy. Lurders a Griman subject, was arrested by the Hastian for resisting a polices an ... He was found polity fied and arnienced to [4]. Getting a new trial he faled worse, as the fine and term of imprincipment were increased. So far as is known the proceeding was reputer and had it occurred In the United States or England, Germany would not have given the matter a ward no line of diolom-tic pretest. But Havil being amail as d weak, the Kaleri's Government began to bluster and lay down ultimatums.

These ultimatums are of an extraordinary kind. Lueders was in prison twenty-three days for which the Greman Minister demanded an indemnity of \$23,000. After the protest wis made and his instant release crited for, the man was kept in jall six days lorger, for which Germany waks a salve of \$30 000 or \$53,000 in | it. all. Prohably Lucders, who seems to have been an ill-randitioned fellow, would have sold himself for one per cent of that sum, but in any event the demand is excessive and would not even be tentatively suggested if Hayti were able to defend herself. "It represents the belief of Germany that might make right and that bully ing is justified in International offsire by its success. As the threat now stands, Hayti must pay or a German cruiser will kneck down Port

an Prince about the ears of its belpless people. This proposed outrage is aggravated by the fact that the case really falls within the score of a reasons b'e scheme, of arbitration. Tale ! not an affair that trenches upon national honor save in a substituty way. Upon the two main points-was Lueders' arrest justifishie and was his sentence reasonable ?-and upon the question of damages, if any, an arbitration board could readily pass. Obviously, from the offers of mediation by England and the United States, those powers so regard it. Whether they will consent, if the offer is refused, to stand by and let Germany use the high hand with the black republic amains to be seen ; but we fancy the dispatch of a German war ship to Post au Prince will be the signal for a lifaytian detail of part of Admiral Sicard's fleet. The United States is certainly bound by the Monroe doctrine to see fair play between European powers and American republics, even though it has no right

or desire to stand between one of them and any ust chastisement it may have earned, Whereupon the Hongkong Telegraph wishes to remark that if the dispute had been between gentlemanly, but a surrender nevertheless. With Gormany it is different,

- CORRESPONDENCE.

(We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressedly

Correspondents in this column.]

A HINI TO THE D. P. W. To THE RESTOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH." SIR, I should deem it a favour if you would be good enough to allow me to draw, through

Correspondence on this subject has repeatedly been ventilated in the Dally Press, but it was ever to no agail. I hopefully trust, however, my present will be productive of a good result. Enclosing herein my card,

I am, Sir, Yours faithfully,

A SUFFERER. Hongkong, 22nd December, 1897. The P. W. D. is now in good hands and we have no doubt the grievance will be promptly remedica.—Ba. H.K. T.

NOTES FROM THE NORTH.

(From our own Correspondent.) TIENTSIN, December : 1th.

It is very satisfactory to us here in the north to fied Hongkong is fully alive to all the proceedings in this region, and recognizes the significance of Germany's occupation of Kianchow. We do not yet know more than the fict that the China Association waste hold meetings in Hongkong and Shanghal, but that is enough. It takes a good big earthquake as a rule to get the China Association up to this point, and we are therefore very much under the impression that you are possibly better informed as to probabilities than we are. It is extremely difficult to get Information here, not even the Consuls being shie to throw any light on the situation, but I have been able to pick up a scattered "two" her and there to make four with.

Constant communication is being kept up between the Emperor of Germiny and his Minister in Peking, and His Majesty is personally pulling the wires for every movement This is of course in perfect harmony with the theory that whatever say other Power may be contemplating, the young and hot-headed ruler of the Fatherland meins business. It is stated that Ching has offered Germany a tempting bit somewhere else if she will only leave Klaochow, and that the bait has not taken. If China has made any such offer, which I rather doubt, it was a forlorn hope Germany has taken her seat after mature deliberation, and for a definite purpose, and if any other place had suited her book as well she probably would not have selected Kianchow, But Kinochow above all others suits her best, it suits Russia to have her there, and there she will stay. The very few who harboured a lingering bel of that China had somepluck and fighting strength left in her in spite of her late defeat at the hands of Japan, Bave been rudely awakined to the rest condition of affairs in the Middle Kingdom by the unvestiged landing of a few hundred German marines, and the silent remonstranceless reliquishment of one of the most important barbours and forts in the north. I anyone really doubted whether China's condition was so helpless as most maintained they have had a proof of it strong enough to overcome the most slubborn acerticism. There can be no question whatever that if the Powers choose they can land forces at any peri of China's vast coast -with the exception of Canton perhaps-and meet nothing more terrible in the way of an opposing force than the back view of China's fleeing braves. If the partition of the country is delayed, thanks to the combined exertions of Russia and Germany, forces may be drilled and officered sofficiently effective to render proceedings (zaubleseme for other Powers desirous of participating in China's pickings; but at the present crisis there is absolutely nothing to prevent a bloodless occupation of the Yangize valley by England, and of the north by Russia and Germany and some other stray bit by France, and if the Powers can only sgree to act in this way it would I believe save a lot of trouble later on.

Of course it is easy enough to talk of partition etc., but England has to think of the cost of keeping up the position and defending the rights she would create before acting, a cost which other Powers with smaller interests at stake and lewer Imperial responsibilities are not soncerned about, and we are perfectly aware up here that these conditions underlie much of what is styled Great Britain's weak policy.

I heard it stated yes'erday that all the talk of partition which had emenated from Hongkong. was buncom, and that ro suggestions of the kind had been made. I was very sollte and . wi sh'r impressed by my informant's info mation, he took the liberty of entertaining my private "donts" inwardly. I am not so inciedulous, however, concerning another item of news I heard, to the effect that Russia is in occupation of Port Arthur. It is not officially authoritated, but it is ex remely likely to be to as we know Russia has had P irt Aithur in her eye all along, and is especialty: likely to appropriste the morcean north at she has let Germany have Klanchow The Chinese Government are apparently haprodised with surprise which comes upon them at season when mental a diphysic. activity are at a d scount. So fer as I have been able to learn, not a single idea has presented itself to the wretched Yamen as to what out he to be done at the present crisis, and the sum notal of their procedure seems to have been a mild "etjection" to what Germany has done. and some tall talk about not allowing her to do

Well, the cold has come down upon us at last. Wirdnesday was quite genial and mild and a fur lined cost simost too much of a good thing, But yesterday it came, and the wind that blew all day gave me the sharpest taste of co'd that I have experienced for some years. The giver was costed over, but the exertion of some of the largest idgs auxicus to get to their moorings. broke up the ice in the centre, though lighters and native craft were all hemmed in slong the banks, and I heard that numbers of lighters were fixed lower down. The Bund is plied high with cargo which promises to be shut out, and considerable inconvenience is being fell by both importers and exporters at this early close, as the frost is still holding on and the chances of the river reopening are hourly growing less. Several passengers going south as well as the cargo look as if they would be left by this abrupt termination of the season, though there is of course the Shanhaikuan route still open. Public opinion does not however attach so much importance to this soute as I expected and the general verdict seems to be " wait and see if it

Can be done." I noticed a very genile remonstrance, in this morning's sheet about the Tientsin bread. Our local organ has dealt with it very lightly, obviously to give breadmen another chance of redeeming their character-but its lealent Criticisms by no means express the feelings of the public on this subject. For no possible reason Tientsin is cursed with a bread supply which far and away surpasses its meal supply, for mastiness of taste anyway, if not downzight unwholesomeness. It is all baked in small ting, has a bad colour, and worse flavour, and is charged for at the exharbitant rate of It lbs. to the doller, whereas Shanghai gives 18 lbs. of sweet white fancy bread for the same amount, Moral wanted a good baker and confectioner up north ! Prof. Richards the medical electrician is up here and going to do big things with the crowd

on Monday, but) don't lancy he will take in Tientsla. A very curious prospectus came into my hands the other day. It is for a new Insurance Company styling itself the "Equitable Life Assurance Co. of North China," Its object appears to be to catch the Chinese lives that " Equitable Senior " does not regard as good enough; the smaller fry in fact. But the curious part is that the public are invited to take up shares on the strength of Mr. J P. Grant's name alone, not a single director being mentioned. Mr. Grant. who was recently acting as the U.S. Equitable agent here, must have supreme confidence in . his perional influence, though sundry stories are Amphilirite, Dethe Richmers, Orwell, St. afloat which do not seem to justify this bollef. The only other guarantee mentioned is the Hooley-Jameson Syndicale. But strange to say when anyone says " Hooley " up here his hearers, become instantly affected by a nasal initation? which demands a slow and steady application of the foremost digit, elightly to one side of the

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TO-DAY. Wednesday, 22nd December, 1897.

Chinese-29th of 11th moon of 23rd year of Kzwone-514. (F-stival of the Angel of Sunlight;) .. Jewish - 371h Kislav, 5658. Mohammedan-27th Rajab, 1315. Sun-Rises 6Ar. 38min Sets 5AF. 19min. High water-Morning 8Ar. 48min.

Afternoon 7Ar. 19min. Low water-Morning Shr. 15min. Afternoon Ohr. 38min. ANNIVERSARIES. 1805-Lord Beaconsfield born.

1835 - Two Mandarina arrived at Macao with secret orders to watch Pienipotentiary 1864-Capture of Savannah by General Sher-

1879-British victory near Kabul. 1890-Return of Governor Sir William der Voux to Hongkong.

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186'-Prince Consort buried. 1870-British Consulate at Shangbal burnt. 1874-Lord Romilly died.

MEMORANDA.

To-Morrow, -- 23rd December. 9 p.m .- Farewell concert at City Hall by the West Yorkshire Regiment band assisted by the H.K. Philharmonic Society.

FRIDAY, -24th December. Indian mall expected.

SATURDAY, - 25th December, Christmas holiday. Eoglish mail due.

SUNDAY, -26th December. Australian mail due

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LATEST QUOTATIONS. Hongkong Banks 176 p. c. p ; Purjoms 5.50 zum cell ; Belmorals 1.40; Docks 221 p. c. p bayers; Whorfs 58 buyers; Green Islands (new tsaue) 18% buyers.

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS,

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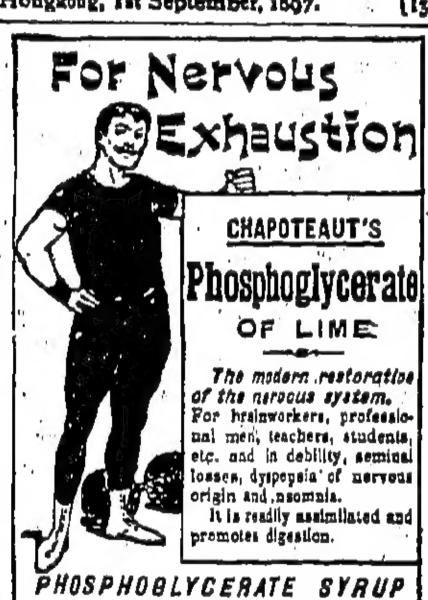
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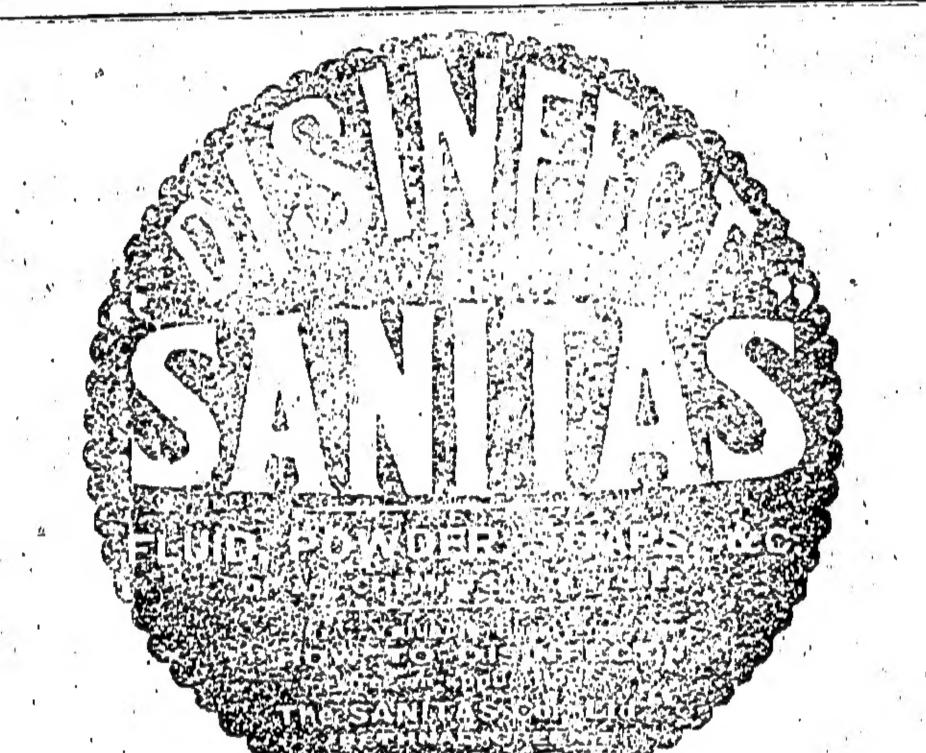
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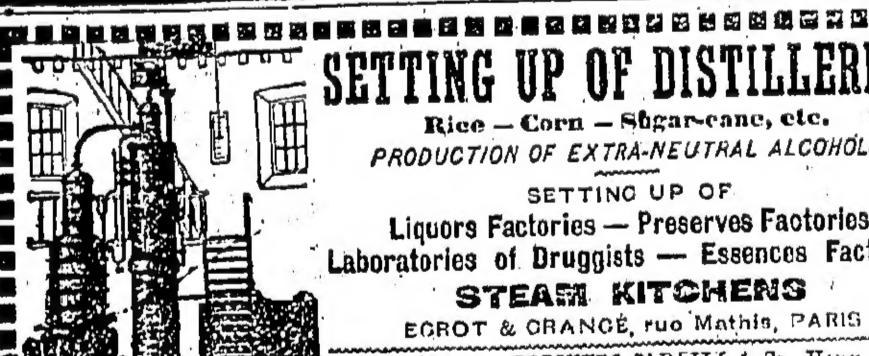
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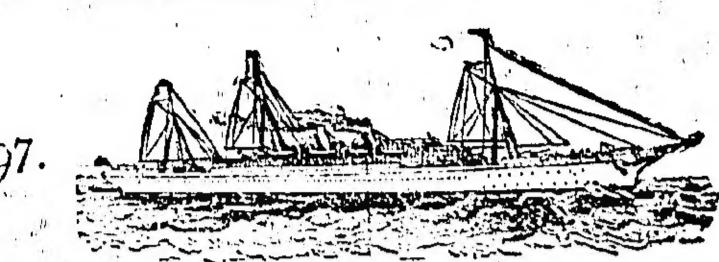
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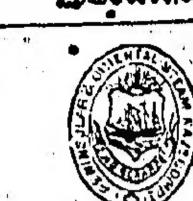
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